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SNAG IN JAGUAR ENGINE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of snag in the engine of Jaguar aircraft have been reported;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken to remove the defects immediately;

(d) whether the Government is considering to phase out the Jaguar fleet; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Like any other aircraft system, routine snags have been reported on the engine of Jaguar aircraft also. Rectification of these snags is carried out at the unit level on a day to day basis.

The only major problem faced by around 10% of the Adour engines installed on Jaguar aircraft pertains to low thrust.

A study was ordered in September 2002 to find out the reasons for low thrust and to suggest remedial measures. The study team comprising representatives of Indian Air Force, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance and M/s Rolls-Royce have suggested a number of remedial measures. All these measures have since been implemented. As a result, the problem of low thrust has been reduced considerably.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Jaguars were inducted into Indian Air Force after stringent flight evaluations. The aircraft has a proven track record and is in front line service with many air forces of the world. Apart from minor snags, which are common to any military aircraft and problem of low thrust that was observed only in about 10% of engines, there have been no persistent major problems with any of the main system of this aircraft which may warrant phasing out of the aircraft.